

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Castle Marina, Riverside Manor

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Castle Marina Road

CITY, TOWN

Stevensville

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☒ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Chester

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21619

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: MWM 166

Folio #: 663

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Castle Marina, also known as Riverside Manor, is located on the south shore of Chester River on Kent Island, approximately one mile north of the intersection of U.S. 50/301 and Maryland Route 18 at Chester. The house has served for some years as a restaurant in association with a modern marina.

Additions and alterations undertaken since the house became a restaurant have greatly altered the original building. Fortunately, two early photographs have survived, and these provide a wealth of information about the original exterior appearance. One of these photographs appears to date to the turn of the century, while the other was taken circa 1950. Copies of both photographs are in the possession of Mrs. Mildred Schoch, Chester, Maryland.

The house is of brick construction, two stories high on a high foundation. It is five bays wide and two rooms deep with a standing seam metal hip roof. Paired brick chimneys flank the central passage front and rear. Two large one story additions made in recent years have obliterated most of the early detail on the east and

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

south facades. The following exterior description is based primarily on the early photographs and is written in the present tense for ease of reading.

The principal five bay facade faces west. The entrance is located in the center bay of the first floor, framed with sidelights and transom and flanked by two large 6/6 windows on each side. On the second story, a 6/6 window with narrow flanking sidelights occupies the center bay, with two 6/6 windows to either side. Large cellar windows pierce the high foundation; there are no dormer windows on the roof. The brickwork is laid in eight-course common bond with no water table or belt course. The eaves are finished with a modillion block cornice and a plain wide frieze below a deep soffit. Paired brick chimneys flank the interior center passage on this facade providing fireplaces for the front rooms on each floor. A one story porch with bracketed posts and decorative rail extends across the entire front facade.

A secondary entrance is evident in the center bay of the south wall, flanked by single 6/6 windows on each side. Three 6/6 windows are ranged across the second story, and large cellar windows are visible in the foundation. A one story porch protects the center bay of the first story.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

On the north gable wall, there are two 6/6 windows on the first and second floor and two 3/3 cellar windows.

The interior plan has been altered somewhat in recent years, but the original form is still discernible. A center stair passage bisects the house from the front entrance on the west facade to a rear entrance on the east facade. A secondary passage connects the south entrance with the center hall. There were two rooms to the north of the center passage and two smaller rooms to the south flanking the secondary hall. The partition between the two north rooms has been removed. There are two stairways, one at the east end of the main hall, the second at the south end of the secondary passage. The former has been removed, part of the latter survives.

The first floor plan is repeated on the second story and in the cellar.

Scattered remnants of early trim have survived, but the majority of the early detail has disappeared. The most interesting surviving feature is an inscription on a rafter near the attic stair, consisting of a painted bird with flowers and the following signature and date:

J.C. Tolson Aug<sup>t</sup> 4, 1860

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT J.C. Tolson (?)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house known today as the Castle Marina Restaurant was an excellent example of conservative Italianate architecture. The form, massing and plan were all consistent with earlier Eastern Shore building traditions, but the detailing was clearly conscious of new architectural ideas. Probably constructed circa 1860 by J.C. Tolson, the building served as a dwelling until recent years, when it was converted to a restaurant. Subsequent renovations and additions have dramatically altered the appearance and historical integrity of the building.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

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Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/23/81

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

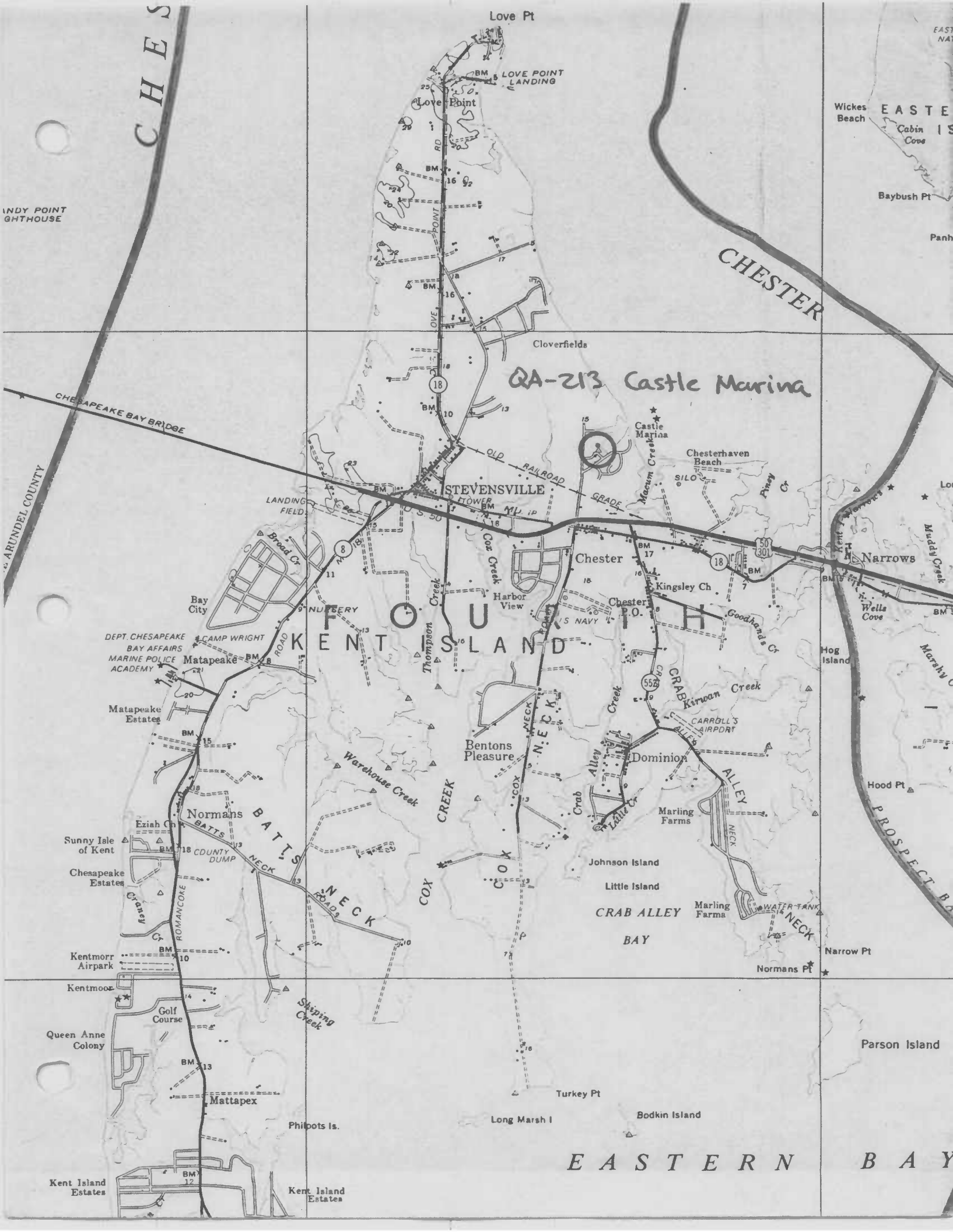
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Castle Marina

Chester vicinity

Orlando Ridout V 1981

View from southeast